

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-12.

13. (New) Device for clamping a hollow shaft tool or a tool holder provided with a conical hollow shaft in a machine spindle provided with a taper bore, especially for use in a machine tool, with a clamping sleeve that can be axially displaced within the machine spindle, with a tow-bar that can be displaced between a release position and a clamping position and that serves to displace the clamping sleeve, and with several pincer elements that are assigned to the clamping sleeve and that can be displaced radially due to displacement of the clamping sleeve, where said pincer elements have clamping faces for adjoining a conical inner surface of the conical hollow shaft and an opposite surface on the work spindle, characterized in that the clamping sleeve can be axially displaced relative to the tow-bar and is axially biased opposite to the release movement of the tow-bar by a compression spring.

14. (New) Device according to Claim 13, characterized in that the clamping sleeve is displaceably guided on an ejection sleeve that is rigidly connected to the tow-bar.

15. (New) Device according to Claim 13 characterized in that the clamping sleeve can be displaced between a front annular shoulder and a rear annular collar.

16. (New) Device according to Claim 15, characterized in that the front annular shoulder is disposed on the ejection sleeve and in that the rear annular collar is disposed on a reducer mounted on the rear end of the ejection sleeve.

17. (New) Device according to Claim 13, characterized in that the ejection sleeve is screwed onto threads on the front end of the tow-bar.

18. (New) Device according to Claim 17, characterized in that the ejection sleeve is secured on the tow-bar with an additional locking screw.

19. (New) Device according to Claim 13, characterized in that the compression spring is braced between the front face of the clamping sleeve and a biasing nut.

20. (New) Device according to Claim 19, characterized in that the biasing nut is screwed onto external threads on the front end of the ejection sleeve.

21. (New) Device according to Claim 13, characterized in that the pincer elements are separated from one another in the circumferential direction by means of a spacer.

22. (New) Device according to Claim 21, characterized in that the spacer comprises a radially outer holder that is realized in the form of a bush and has beveled faces on axially protruding extensions in order to adjoin beveled opposite surfaces on the rear side of the clamping claws.

23. (New) Device according to Claim 22, characterized in that the holder is acted upon in the direction of the clamping claws by a compression spring.

24. (New) Device according to Claim 22, characterized in that the space comprises an inner sleeve that is realized concentric to the holder and comprises several ring segments that are separated from one another in the circumferential direction and protrude between the extensions of the holder, where said ring segments have beveled contact surfaces for adjoining a bevel of the pincer elements.